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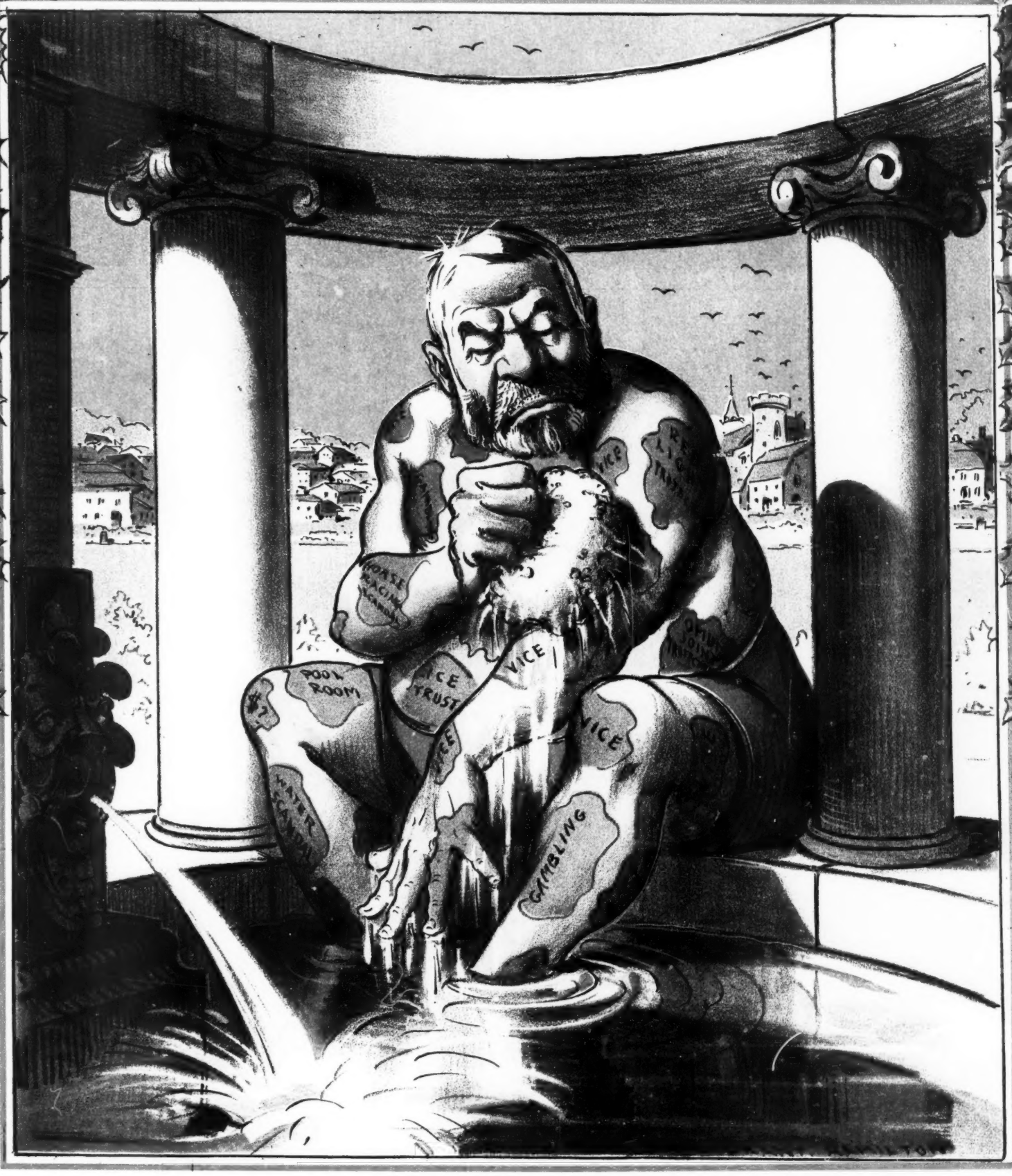

A CHRISTMAS BATH.

"Mr. Croker, it will take something stronger than the waters of Carlsbad to remove those spots."

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CROKER said crime must go, and he got up and went.

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SOROSIS has decided that laughter is a sure cure for indigestion. Yet indigestion is no laughing matter.

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THE PLAIN, ordinary "novel" has about died out. Every new work of fiction that appears nowadays is "the novel of the year."

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A JUDGE of Rochester sets aside a verdict in a breach-of-promise case because the woman popped the question. That decision is going to lead to great trouble, and it has the appearance of gross injustice.

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JERRY SIMPSON promised if Bryan were defeated to go without socks four years. There are other men who are doing penance for voting for Bryan, but the suffering cannot be half as great as it should be.

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A SWISS EDITOR wants to annex his country to the United States. It will first be necessary, we think, to revive the William Tell story. It was too pretty to be destroyed, and it ought to have been sustained by force of arms if necessary.

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THE TROUBLE resulting from the gradual decline and giving out of natural gas in Ohio, Pennsylvania and elsewhere cannot be remedied by arbitration. Nature never will listen to reason, and is notoriously reckless of consequences.

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POOR old Oom Paul Krüger, late of the Transvaal, is making a round of visits to the European powers, but finds pretty much everybody "out" when he calls. He is learning very late in life that for practical purposes cheers and flatteries that cost nothing are worth just about that.

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IF THE DUTCH had kept up as good a fight as they put up the end would have been postponed a long time, and the Dutch might have won reputation enough to be looked upon, like Japan, as a new nation. The trouble is that they never had the courage of their boasts and the faith they expressed in their prayers; and the Lord does seem to have a liking for the best fighters as well as for the largest battalions.

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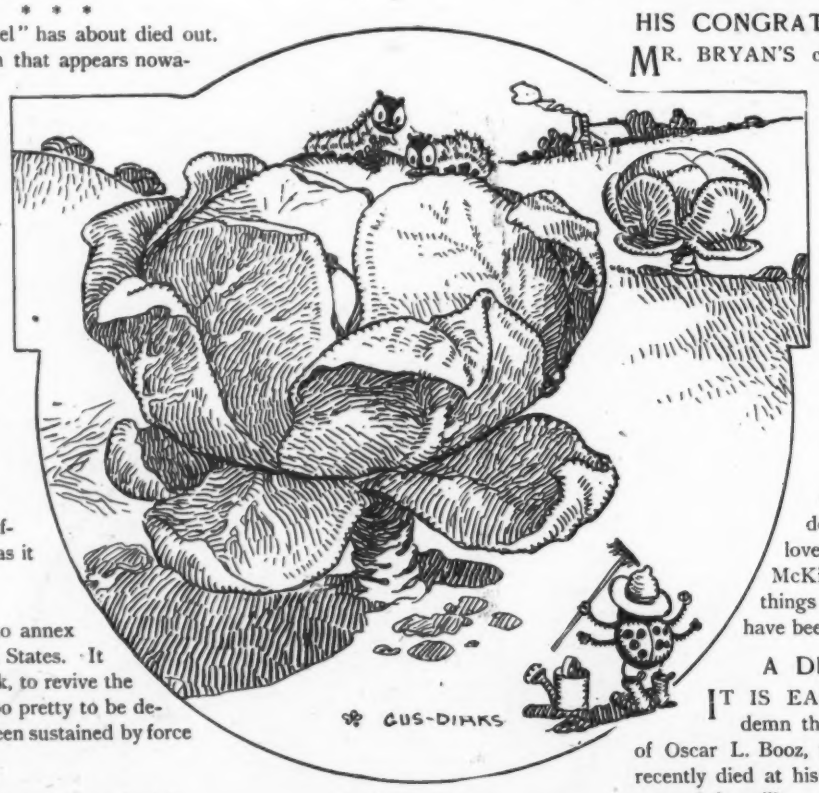
BOSTON is never unmindful of her literary glories, nor remiss in honoring her heroes of the pen. The authors' club is now rounding up living New England writers, in pursuance of a scheme for marking their birthplaces with commemorative tablets. Among the names in line to be thus inscribed in imperishable bronze are those of Arlo Bates, Joe Mitchell Chapple, Cephas C. Tidd, Robert Grant, Ophelia Alicia Huggins, Oscar Fay Adams, and the reverend Pete MacQueen.



IN BUGVILLE.

FARMER BUG—"Hey, there, you little rascals! Come off of that fruit-tree. First thing I know I won't have any orchard left at all."

A CALL FOR GORE.

GERMANY has what is called the American duel. The parties to the duel draw lots, and the one who gets the death-card agrees to commit suicide within a certain period. There should be an immediate challenge of the party who applied the name to the new amusement, and the fight should come off at once and without the ballot.

RETROGRESSION.

SENATOR MORGAN proposes in Alabama an open repudiation of the constitutional amendments giving the right to vote to black men, and other southern states are passing laws and furnishing plans to render their votes of no account. A reduction of southern representation in congress and in the electoral college must inevitably follow.

THEY WHO NEED THE EARTH.

"ANYHOW," say some Democratic papers, "the Republican party doesn't give every man a bank-account." Some men are too particular. In a place out west they were going to bury a man because he was too lazy to live. On the way to the cemetery a farmer met the procession and said, "Why, I'll give him enough corn to keep him alive a while." "Is it shelled?" asked the man in the hearse. The farmer said it wasn't, whereupon the man remarked, "Drive on, boys." Undoubtedly there are men who are never quite happy with a fair chance to take care of themselves, but that isn't the kind of person to be carefully considered.

HIS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE.

MR. BRYAN'S congratulatory words to Mr. McKinley are unfortunate, thinks the *Sun*, bespeaking a press of bile rather than of a desire to congratulate. "It is my lot," says Mr. Bryan, "to congratulate you a second time"—much as if he had said, "I have to do it, but I don't want to." Well, if he had said he did it with pleasure the statement would not have been true, and Mr. Bryan is a sincere man. We may question his judgment—if that had been good perhaps his dispatch would have been omitted, and that would have done no harm. But if he had loved his country, with or without McKinley, he might have said many things and their sincerity would never have been questioned.

A DEPLORABLE CASE.

IT IS EASIER to sympathize or condemn than to judge fairly in the case of Oscar L. Booz, the ex-West Point cadet, who recently died at his home in Pennsylvania. Booz entered the military academy in the summer of 1898 and resigned four months later. It is deplorable that his parents should now lend voice to the charge that the young man's death was directly or indirectly the result of injuries received by him at the hands of his fellow-cadets two years and a half ago. Such a course can serve no good purpose, but may do infinite harm by forcing the authorities to make blunt statements about matters of policy better left tacitly understood in training boys for the army or the navy. The policy may be drastic; but it is sound, manly and effective, both in developing the fit and in eliminating the unfit.

THE NEXT JEFFERSON.

VARIOUS MEN and organizations are trying hard to find a new platform for the Democratic party; but the first work should be to find the party. It will be time for the harness when the parties to wear it are known to be in existence and ready for it. At present the elements left from the great trouble of the sixth of November are scattered and discouraged and don't know what to call themselves. The gold Democrats are not so slow to declare themselves as they were; but the populists, the middle-of-the-road chaps, and the rag-tags and bob-tails are waiting every one for all the others to do the talking. Possibly out of this confusion may emerge a Jefferson with some slight Jeffersonianism in him, and perhaps even a back-bone; with some statesmanship and a little patriotism, and perhaps even a little common sense; but he won't be Mr. Bryan again.

WELL NAMED.

FROSTY FEETERS—" W'y do yer call dat dog ' Work '?"
CHILLY NYTES—" 'Cause he's never 'round when I'm lookin' for him."

IN THE LAND WHERE THE OLDEST ARE YOUNG.

I SHALL pass when the rim of the east
Is ablaze with the ruby and gold
Pulsed from a heart never cold—
I shall pass to the land where the oldest are young.
But what shall I find when this life has ceased,
In the land where the oldest are young?

Shall I meet in the day that is there
All the friends that my childhood knew—
Bo Peep and Little Boy Blue
And the dame of great fame who lived in a shoe,
And the voice and the pomp of the Bold Grenadier,
In the land where the oldest are young?

Shall I see by my side Chicken Little?
Shall I roam in the house that Jack built?
Shall I slide with no sense of guilt
Down its banisters merrily once and again?
Shall I hunt in its pantry for victual,
In the land where the oldest are young?

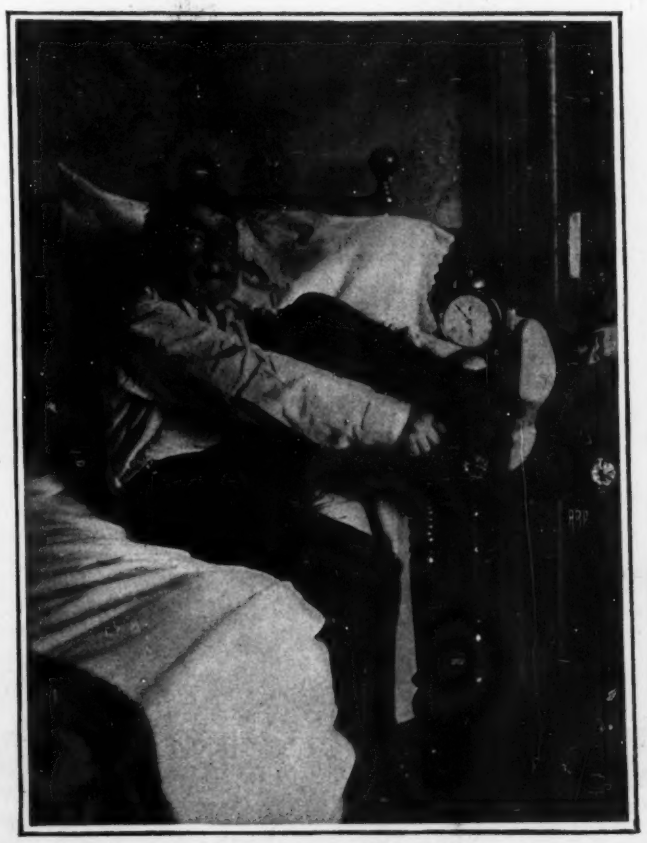
Shall the forest of Sherwood deliver
To the view of mine eyes enchanted
The form of that bowman undaunted
Who led his brave archers 'gainst Torquilstone castle?
Shall I stretch his long bow and handle his quiver,
In the land where the oldest are young?

Shall I possibly see the fierce forty
Ali Baba outwitted so well?
Shall I gossip a while with Tell,
Or travel with Gulliver gladly again,
Or gaze upon Al-ah-deen's genie warty,
In the land where the oldest are young?

Shall I grow up enough to be dowered
With a sight of the sweet Lorna Doone?
Shall I sport me a Ronceval spoon
In a dish that Dugald Dalgetty has foraged,
Or hear Alan Breck sing the chase of a coward,
In the land where the oldest are young?

Of the thousands and thousands, the best
Will be those that lived never on earth,
But only in fancy had birth,
When I pass to the land where the oldest are young:
For they will be hosts and I shall be guest,
In the land where the oldest are young.

CHARLES WOODWARD HUTSON.



THE DAY HE ROSE EARLY.

Our Henry, half an hour after being called, every morning in the year——

—— except Christmas morning.

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

GRACE VAN STUDDIFORD.

One of the Graces, truly! When you speak
We think you best in opera comique;
But when you sing we straightway understand
Such voice and action well become the grand.
So, grave or gay, through all your masks and faces,
You're one, and not the least one, of the Graces.

STRONG COMPULSION.

"I HAVE compelled my wife to cease strumming on the piano," said Mr. Goldsborough to Mr. Bunting.

"How did you manage it?"

"I insisted upon singing every time she began to play."

DISTINCTIONS.

Mrs. Cobwigger—"So they are not in your set?"

Mrs. Proudfut—"No, indeed. They go to a gymnasium, while we attend a physical-culture class."

MY ONLY CHANCE.

I WAS ill beyond expressing. I grew worse; it kept them guessing, and from life I was digressing at accelerated speed.

There was little consolation, and it seemed my expiration would occur per expectation — when the doctors disagreed.

It seemed quite providential, and was doubtless most essential, that a thing so consequential and profound should be decreed.

I grew better while they waited and discussed—prognosticated—to recover I was fated when the doctors disagreed.

TOM MASSON.

GOOD GROUNDS.

Stubbs—"On what grounds did Dunley get his divorce from little Buttercup, the heavy weight?"

Jaggs—"He said he couldn't get used to sleeping in a tent."

IN TOPSYTURVY LAND.

RABBIT—"Darn the luck! I don't seem able to hit anything to-day."

OUT IN KANSAS.

"Willie, won't you kiss your uncle?"
"I don't see no place!"

UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

MISS GIRAFFE—"Oh, mercy! Here comes that young Mister Hippo. I do hope the ladder will be long enough for him to kiss me."

HIS COGITATION.

"LIVES of great men," ruefully remarked mild little Farmer Meeks, who had a perpetually-apologetic air and a huge and hawk-billed wife, "may remind us of the advisability of leavin' footprints on the sands of time, but in all the biographies of famous personages that I have ever read I've never seen so much as a single line advocatin' the leavin' of muddy tracks on the freshly-scrubbed kitchen floor."

PARADOXES.

Crawford—"Didn't you ever stop to think that many doctors would die without their patients?"

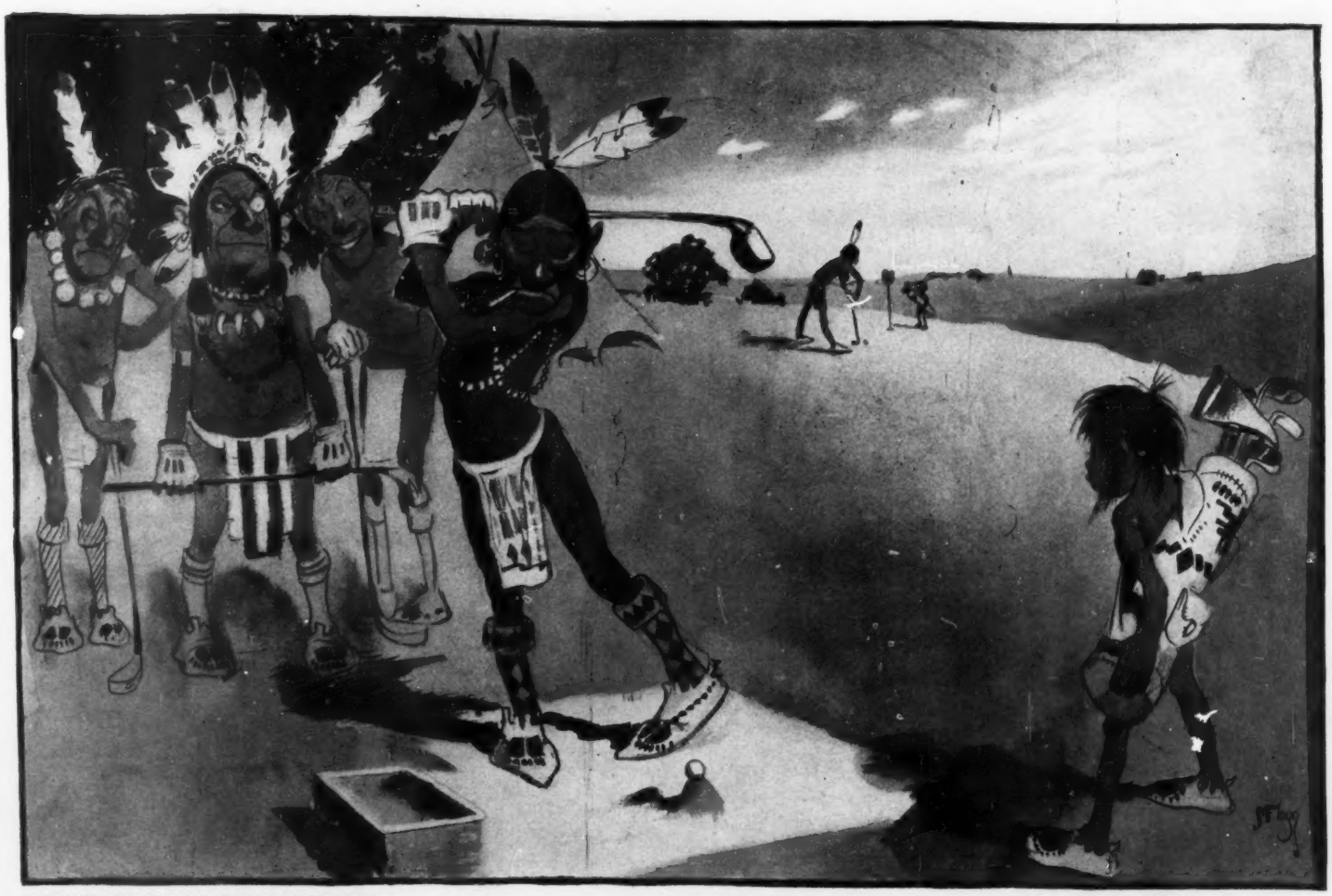
Crabshaw—"Yes; and I've often thought that many patients would live without their doctors."

A WOMAN who trusts a man is like a child carrying water in a sieve.

A RAGGED EDGE.

MR. RAZOR (*the barber*)—"There's no use talking, there's a lot in the way a fellow is dressed. Here I've applied for a position in a dozen different barber-shops without success, and all because my trousers are ragged."

The deacon, for certain inebriate moments, is now receiving callers at his temporary quarters. His son and his playmates are showing their sympathy.



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The Nantasket golf-club was really the pioneer club of its kind in America, although there are no official records of it.
N. b.—The caddie invariably carried a tomahawk for the use of any player who wished to destroy his clubs.

NOTE.—The beginning of "Deacon Elderberry and His Times" will be found in the Christmas number of JUDGE. This series to be continued weekly.

GETTING EVEN WITH SHAKESPEARE.

Mendenheimer—"Shakespeare made a tough character out of the Jew Shylock, didn't he?"

Hochensteiner—"Yes; but it was bad business policy. You notice there are not many Shakespearean revivals since Cohen controls the theatres."

HER EAR-MARKS.

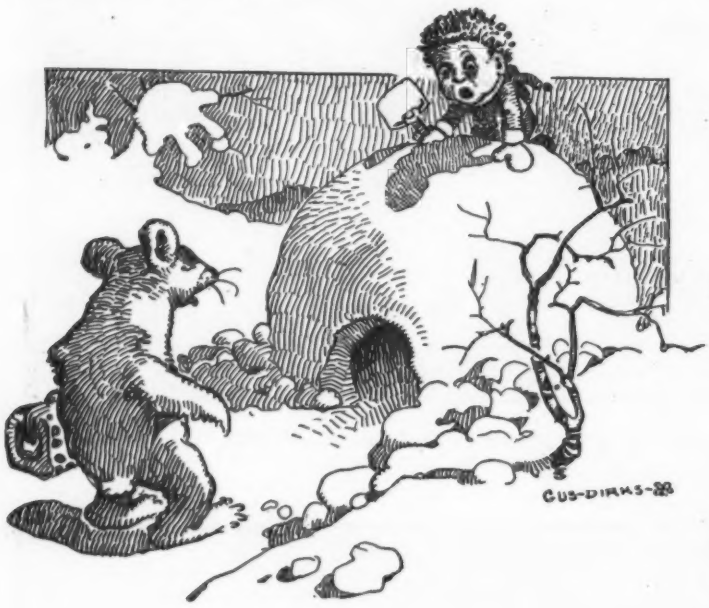
Cora—"If you didn't know Mrs. Parvenue by sight, how did you come to recognize her at the reception?"

Merritt—"She was the only person there who looked as if she got in on a bill-board ticket."

AT THE ZOO.

Stranger—"What does the leopard mean by thrashing his paws around on the floor of his cage?"

Keeper (from Boston)—"He evidently fancies that he is shuffling dominoes. Don't you observe his luminous ecstasies over the kaleidoscopic mutability of the spots?"



MR. BRUIN—"Any flats to let, Mr. Janitor?"

HER STORY.

MAUDE—"Have you heard the story of Frayed Fagin the tramp and his dog?"

MAY—"No. How does it go?"

MAUDE—"Why, Frayed Fagin tells Weary Willie that he thinks his dog has hydrophobia because he acts as if he was afraid of water, and Weary asks him how long did he have the dog, and Frayed Fagin tells Weary he's had him four weeks. Weary remarks, 'Well, no wonder he acts as if he was afraid of water.'"

EDIBLE SHOES.

FIRST ARCTIC EXPLORER—"What in the mischief have you got on your feet, Fatty?"

FATTY—"Meat-pies. I heard the captain say that we might be reduced to eating our footgear on this sledging trip, so I thought I'd come prepared."

IN TOPSYTURVY LAND.

MR. GAS (*to Miss Lamp*)—"Dearest one, let's put out the man and sit in the dark."

THAT WAS ARRANGED.

"THAT was a corking offer of ten thousand dollars a year to Mr. Bryan to become editor of that Denver paper."

"Yes; but wouldn't the editor have felt silly if Bryan had accepted?"

UNAVOIDABLE.

THEY have been having considerable wet weather out in the great wheat-belt of Kansas since election. In one of the finest wheat counties of the state a pop. politician, a sarcastic serf, met a Republican friend just after the returns had come in and remarked,

"Well, judge, I suppose you claim McKinley is responsible for all this moisture."

"Certainly," responded the agent of prosperity. "McKinley being now an emperor, of course he *has* to reign."

THE HEIGHT OF INGENUITY.

Jaggles—"What do you think is the most wonderful machine ever invented?"
Waggles—"The one that puts the folds in time-tables."

TOO MANY LAMP-POSTS.

"H'm! I see three of my shadows, and I'm sure I didn't drink so very much."

NO DIFFERENCE.

LITTLE SAM—"Gran'mammy, w'ot's de difference between iron an' steel?"
GRANDMA—"Yo' says w'ot's de difference between iron an' steel? Um—er—now I s'prised at yo' ignorance, chile. Why, de difference between iron an' steel is jes' de same as de difference between ironin' an' stealin', ob course."

REFLECTIONS OF A SPINSTER.

IF LOVE'S eyesight were good pajamas would never have been invented.

Good men are products of the imaginations of religious women who have never married.

If God only lends people something to love what bad judgment he sometimes uses in not calling the loan.

A handsome man divides women into two classes—those he knows he can kiss and those he thinks he can as soon as he has time.

Confusion between a man's sorrow at being found out and sorrow for what he has done has been one of the scandals of morality.

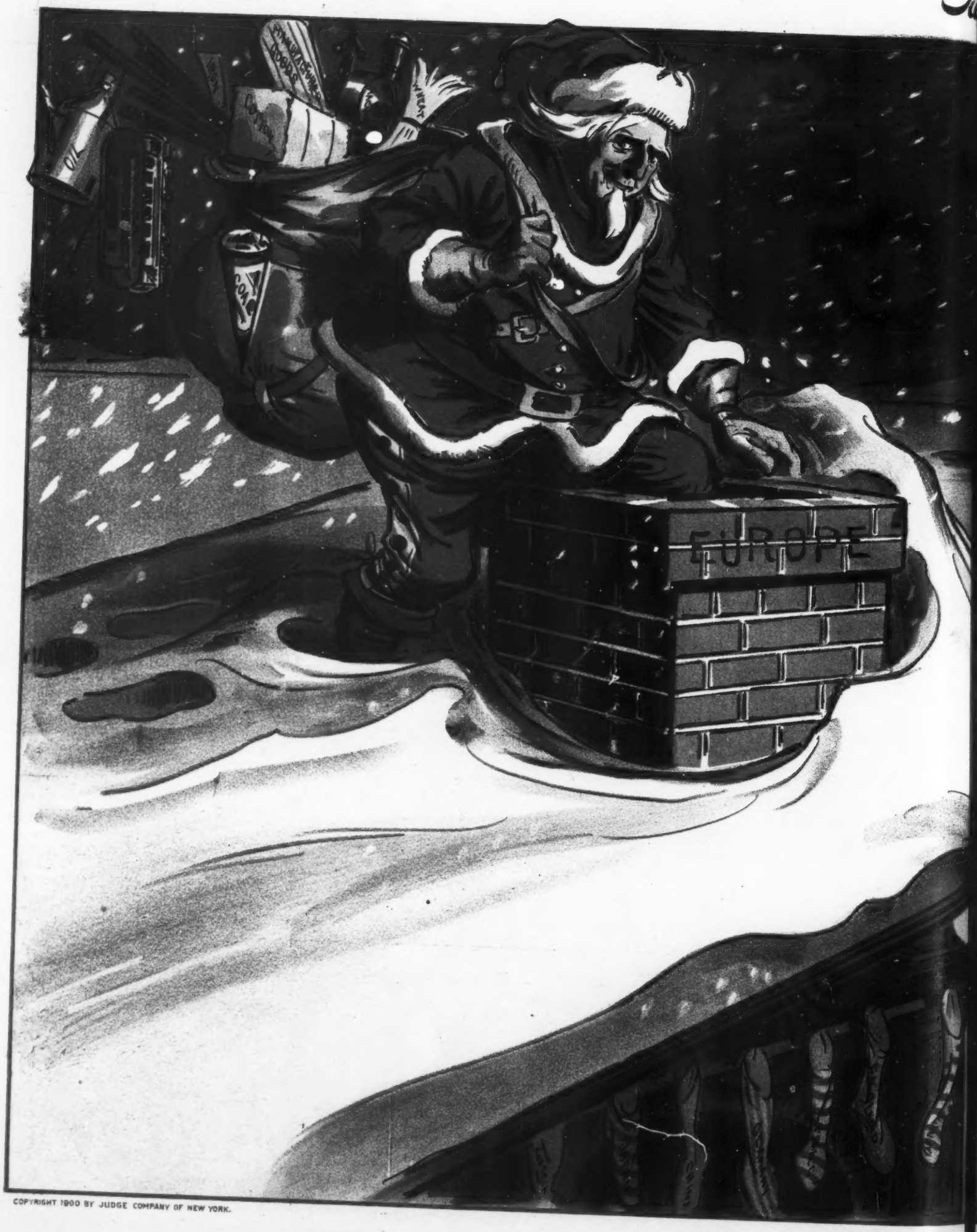
A girl kissing a married man is like a child playing with electricity, who does not like the shock when it comes, but cannot resist trying it once more.

Some men are as easily entertained as the one who had a habit of taking off his wife's wedding-ring whenever he wanted a little excitement.

VADA AGNEW.

RIGHT OFF THE REEL.

All day long by rippling stream the angler reels off his fish-line. And when the streams are bound with ice, still the angler reels off his fish lyin'.



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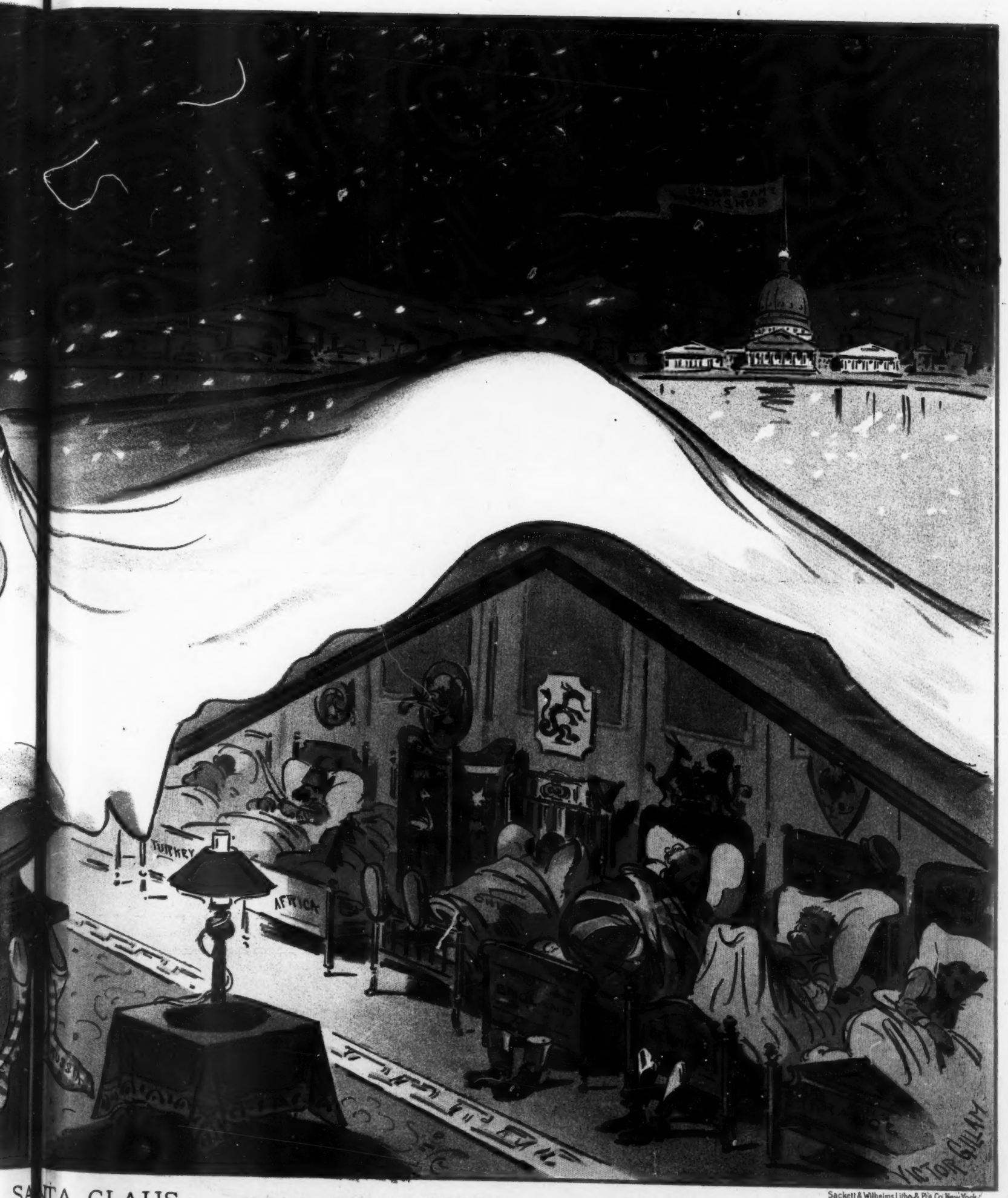

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POLITICAL WIRE-PULLERS.

MRS. UPPERTEN — "How polite you are to your cook!"
MRS. WAYBAQUE — "Yes; her sister's beau's cousin's wife's uncle is a member of Tammany, and John wants her influence to try and get his brother's wife's uncle's step-father's son-in-law a job on the police-force."

MR. McGARVEY ON OLD AGE.

'TIS DIPPIN' a bit inty philosophy Oi am lately. 'Tis one av the terrible ifficts av the grip in me systim. Oi can't hilp it. Oi sits down innocint as a lamb at play, and the first thing Oi don't know Oi'm thinkin' woise thoughts and springin' the same on me woife. Thin she shakes her hid, lookin' moighty solemn, and says, "Ah, Pat, 'tis glad Oi am the disase didn't go to the brain av yez!" and Oi'm kickin' the dog in me aggravation at the sarcasm av her.

Last noight wor the most recint toime it's happined. I wor thinkin', whoile Oi sits boi the foire toastin' the goose-pimples on me lift lig, thot Oi wor gittin' old. 'Tis a sad thought, thot, for a man at any age av loife; and Oi wor feelin' consequintly sad, whin me philosophy all av a suddin comes bubblin' to the surfice and saves me from suicidin' roight thin and there.

"After all," says Oi aloud, so thot me woife can hear me think, "a man 's only as old as he's feelin', whoile a woman 's as old as she looks."

"Is thot so?" says me wolfe, wid the accint on all three words. "How old, thin, wor yez whin Oi asked yez to hilp me in wid the washin' befoor supper?"

"No older than yez looked, me dear, whin Oi told yez Oi wor too toired intoirely."

Me woife snorted plisintly, but sid nothin', and Oi continued me reflictions.

"Old age is nothin' more nor liss than what a man thinks he's got whin he's lived a number av years, whither he has it or not. 'Tis but another case av believin' iverything in the newspapers, and 'tis a humbug. Many the man wid sixty years behoind av him outlives the frolicsome young buck av only eight-and-twinty summers. Yez can't git around thot, for 'tis the moighty truth. And many the woman av fifty long, hard years goes did whoile the grandmother av her 's still young and frish. Yez can't git around thot either, for yez don't want to. What, thin, is our conclusion? 'Tis this—thot old age is as much a disase av infancy as av any other state, and"——

"Are yez makin' fun av me poor old grandmother, Patr-rick McGar-rvey?" says me woife, swingin' up to me loike a boy grabbin' for an apple.

"Whoy, no," says Oi; "yez ben't did yit, me dear."

"Oi rather guisses not!" says she. And thin, boi the raim'ry av good Saint Moike, she gives me proof av it! 'Tis long since Oi've seen her look so young as she did thin, wid the flashin' 'n her oyes and the rid in her cheeks. 'Twor foine! Oi gits up loike a b'y and gallops about in the real old-fashioned way, foive years droppin' from me at ivery jump. And whin 'twor all over — yez may belave it or not—we wor but little older than whin we trod the shamrocks in county Clare long years ago.

DAVID H. TALMADGE.

A TERRIBLE FATE.

MR. HI BAUL (*who has been celebrating Christmas eve*)—"I (hic) tell you—it's (hic) awful to be losht in woodsh."

LOVE is the virtue of a woman, the vice of a man.

"HOOKS AND EYES."

HE LETS IT GO AT THAT.

There are so many books to read—
And new ones every day—
That I confess I stand perplexed
And watch them with dismay.
And yet one has to make folks think
He has them all down pat;
So I read what the critics say—
And let it go at that.

There are so many magazines,
Each better than the rest,
That I can never find the time
To find out which is best.
I really cannot read them all
And do my work—that's flat;
And so I look the pictures through—
And let it go at that.

There are so many newspapers,
Bad ones and good ones, too,
That one to do them justice must
Have nothing else to do.
However, one must know just where
This whirling world is at;
So I just glance the headlines through—
And let it go at that.

—*Somerville Journal.*

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will positively cure croup. Many a home has been made desolate by the loss of a dear child which could have been saved by this great remedy.

The absent-minded man was nearing the railroad-station. "There! I knew I had forgotten something," he exclaimed to his wife. "Why, I'm sure we have everything," she replied. "What is it you've forgotten?' The absent-minded man pressed his brow. "Bless my soul!" he cried; "I've forgotten where we intended going."—*Philadelphia Record.*

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"What do you think of that prize-fighter's style of fighting?" "Well," replied the expert, "his grammar is very good, but his metaphors are very crude and ill-chosen."—*Washington Star.*

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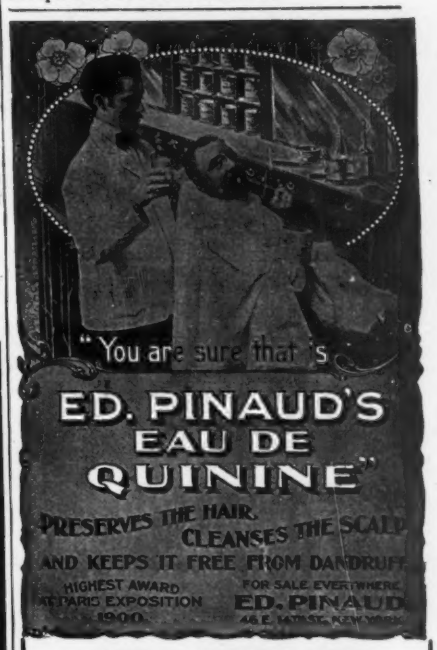

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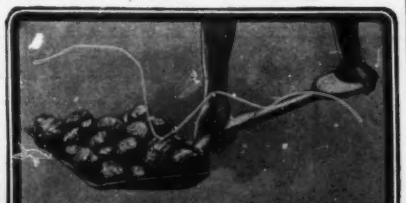

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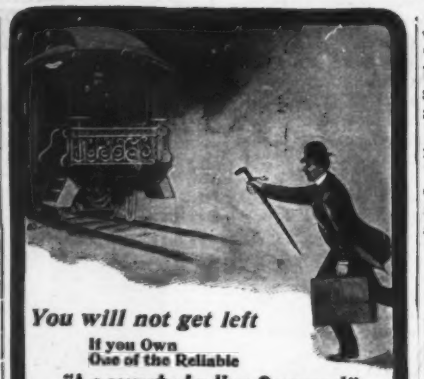

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1. BRUIN—"I'm afraid the youngsters will have a slim Christmas this year unless—— Why, hello! There's Kris's workshop.——

2. ——He'll be wanting his deer to-night, so I'll just drive them off and work a little strategy on him.——

3. ——Hello, Kris! What's the matter?"
KRIS—"Why, here it is Christmas eve and I can't find those deer of mine. I don't know what in the world to do."
BRUIN—"Oh, that's easy. Just harness me up; I'll pull you through all right."

4. KRIS—"It was lucky you happened along just in time to help me out."

5. BRUIN—"I fancy that old log had something to do with helping him out, too. However, I am rid of him. Now for home and——

——a merry Christmas!"

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